



Department of Health and Human Services  
Public Health Service  
Indian Health Service



## Vacancy Announcement

### Open Continuous-MPP-ESEP

Announcement No.: **IHS-OCA-08-06**  
Opening Date: **August 1, 2008**  
Closing Date: **December 31, 2008**  
Area of Consideration: **Government Wide**  
(and any Qualified Indian Preference Candidates)

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**INDIAN PREFERENCE POLICY:** *The Indian Health Service (IHS) is committed to affording employment preference to American Indian and Alaska Native candidates who meet the Secretary of the Interior's definition of Indian for appointment to vacancies within the IHS in accordance with established IHS policy as outlined in Indian Health Manual, Part 7, Chapter 3. The IHS is also committed to achieving full and equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, religion, color, gender, national origin, age, physical or mental disability and sexual orientation. The IHS has a zero tolerance for sexual harassment or reprisal.*

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**POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:**  
**Diagnostic Radiologic Technician/Technologist**  
**Diagnostic Radiologic Technician/Technologist (Mammography)**  
**GS-647-5-6-7-8**

**OFFICE LOCATION:**  
Bemidji Area IHS Facilities:  
▪ Cass Lake Indian Service, Cass Lake, MN  
▪ Red Lake Indian Health Services, Red Lake, MN  
▪ White Earth Indian Health Services, Ogema, MN

**Salary Range:**  
**GS-05: \$33,264 - \$41,139**  
**GS-06: \$36,108 - \$44,892**  
**GS-07: \$39,038 - \$48,749**  
**GS-08: \$43,236 - \$54,045** (May be adjusted on Present/Former Federal Employees)

**This position is neither managerial nor supervisory**  
**Area of Consideration: Government-Wide**

**Number of Vacancies:** **Position to be filled as vacancies occurs.** This is an open continuous vacancy announcement and applications will be referred when vacancies occur. The open continuous vacancy announcement allows this office to accept applications/resumes on a year round basis and eligible qualified applicants are placed in the applicant supply file (ASF) for a period of six (6) months. This announcement may be used to fill jobs with multiple appointment terms: permanent, temporary, or term. Your application will be included in the file of candidates established for consideration for current and/or future job vacancies. You will be considered for those vacancies that match your desired geographic locations, skills, and/or job preferences. Applications that are complete in accordance with the outlined Agency application procedures will be referred to fill any current and/or future vacancies.

*These positions are also being filled through Office of Personnel Management's Government-wide Direct Hire Authority (DHA) for this occupation and are open to all U.S. Citizens. The Direct Hire Authority has been authorized by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and Part 337, Subpart B, Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations (5 CFR). If filled utilizing DHA, the following is applicable: all applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements will be forwarded to the Selecting Official for consideration. The "rule of three," Veteran's preference and traditional rating and ranking of applicants do not apply to the Direct Hire process. Indian Preference does apply. **Applicants who wish to be considered under DHA need to indicate this on their application.***

## **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- Positions may be permanent or temporary, term full-time, part-time, or intermittent (work only when called)
- Promotional Potential: Position may be filled at one of the grade levels listed above. Or depending on location some permanent positions may have promotional potential to GS-8 level.
- Incumbents of these positions are subject to call back duty, i.e., irregular or occasional work performed on a day when work is not scheduled.
- If a candidate outside the local commuting area is selected, travel will be paid.
- **All supporting documents (SF-50, KSA, etc.) must be received to complete your application package and to receive consideration. All applicants must address/submit KSA's in order to be considered.**

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## **BRIEF STATEMENT OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Diagnostic Radiologic Technician/Technologist:** The incumbent performs various routine, moderately complex and/or complex diagnostic radiologic examinations. The incumbent also performs various supportive activities to include but not limited to receiving requests and/or instructions for radiologic procedures; interpreting requests and/or instructions from physicians for procedures; assuring that sterile supplies, contrast materials, catheters and other required equipment are present and easily available; keeping abreast of the latest and current technical literature; attending radiologic meetings, seminars and courses whenever possible; etc. Performs other duties as assigned.

**Mammography:** Performs a variety of mammographic examinations. Responsible for image quality, patient positioning, compression, image production and film processing. Responsible for specific quality control procedures. Independently makes standard examinations. Confers with radiologists to establish requirements of nonstandard examinations and determines technical factors, positioning, and number of images to satisfy the requirements. Maintains records of patients treated, examinations performed, and results sent. Advises patient and/or referring physician of results of examination and provides a copy of the Diagnostic Imaging report. Makes minor adjustments to equipment such as setting up grids and filters.

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## **COMPETITIVE SERVICE AND EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT:**

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates **must** meet the following experience and/or education requirements: Note: Public Law 97-35 requires that persons who administer radiologic procedures meet the credentialing standards in 42 CFR Part 75. Essentially, they must: **(1) have successfully completed an educational program that meets or exceeds the standards described in that regulation, and is accredited by an organization recognized by the Department of Education, AND (2) be certified as radiographers in their field.**

The following meet these requirements: (1) Persons employed by the Federal Government as radiologic personnel prior to the effective date of the regulation (January 13, 1986) who show evidence of current or fully satisfactory performance or certification of such from a licensed practitioner such as a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, podiatry, or chiropractic who prescribes radiologic procedures to others. (2) Persons first employed by the Federal Government as radiologic personnel after the effective date of the regulation who (a) received training from institutions in a State or foreign jurisdiction that did not accredit training in that particular field at the time of graduation, or (b) practiced in a State or foreign jurisdiction that did not license that particular field or did not allow special eligibility to take a licensure examination for those who did not graduate from an accredited educational program, provided that such persons show evidence of training, experience, and competence as determined by OPM or the employing agency.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** Qualifying educational programs for radiography and radiation therapy technology are available in accredited colleges, universities, hospitals, medical schools, or postsecondary technical or vocational schools. Education or training from programs based in hospitals must have been from those hospitals that were accredited at the time of the education or training by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or by the American Osteopathic Association - For GS-5: Successful completion of a full time training course of at least 24 months' duration in a post-high school radiography program.

GRADE	EXPERIENCE OR EDUCATION/TRAINING GENERAL SPECIALIZED
GS-5:	Successful completion of full-time training course of at least 24 months' duration in a post high school radiography program.
GS-6:	None 1-year equivalent to At least GS-5
GS-7:	None 1-year equivalent to At least GS-6
GS-8	None 1-year equivalent to At least GS-7

*\*\*Transcripts must be provided if you substitute education for experience*

**Specialized Experience:** Experience in the operation of diagnostic radiology equipment under the direction of radiologists or other medical officers to produce radiographic studies used in medical diagnosis and treatment.

**Examples of Specialized Experience:** For the grade levels of this specialized position is to recognize images which illustrate lesions and develop them through control of contrast, density, etc. to optimize their clarity for diagnostic use; and to recognize views and different positions as needed to fully illustrate the lesion, for example: recognizing when hard to visualize areas have not been properly imaged and taking additional views to improve the procedure, or recognizing motion artifacts and repeating needed films.

**Time-In-Grad Requirements:** Federal status candidates must have completed at least 52 weeks of service no more than one grade lower than the position to be filled.

Substitution of education for experience is made in accordance with OPM Operating Manual Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions.

**Evaluation Method and Ranking Factors:** Applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements described in this announcement will be further evaluated to determine whether or not you are highly qualified for this position. You should consider work or related experience, education, training awards, outside activities, performance appraisals, etc., for each of the **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA)**, listed below. **Applicants must address the KSA or will not be considered.** The information provided will be used to determine the "Best Qualified" candidates.

If found qualified, your score will range from 70-100 points (not including points that may be assigned for Veteran's Preference) and will be based on your responses to the questions and information stated in your application. Please follow all instructions carefully as errors and omissions may affect your score. Your score is critical for you being referred for the job. You will be deemed well qualified if you score 85 and above.

**Applicants must address the following Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA's) on separate bond paper.**

**Diagnostic Radiologic Technician/Technologists - GS-647-5/6/7/8:**

1. Knowledge of anatomy and physiology.
2. Knowledge of the methods, techniques, and quality control required for processing radiographic film with optimum results.
3. Knowledge of radiological procedures and protection standards to include proper patient position and diagnostic techniques. Please cite examples and describe.

**Those applying for mammography position must also address the following questions:**

**Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist (Mammography):**

1. Knowledge of mammography techniques and procedures. Please cite examples and describe.
2. Knowledge of Radiographic procedures. Please cite examples and describe.
3. Ability to communicate. Please cite examples and describe.

**WHO MAY APPLY:**

**Merit Promotion Candidates:** Applicants will be accepted from status eligible's (e.g. reinstatement eligible and current permanent employees in the Competitive Federal Service) and from current permanent IHS employees in the Excepted Service who are entitled to Indian Preference.

**Excepted Service Examining Plan (ESEP) Candidates:** Applications will be accepted from individuals entitled to Indian Preference. Current permanent IHS Excepted Service employees and Competitive Service employees or reinstatement eligible entitled to Indian preference may also apply under the provision of the Indian Health Service ESEP.

- Candidates **must indicate** whether their application is being submitted under the *IHS Excepted Service Examining Plan* or the *IHS Merit Promotion Plan*, or both is applicable.

**Veteran's Preference:** Veterans who are preferences eligible or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.

**Displaced Federal Employees:** SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY PROVISIONS FOR SURPLUS OR DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES UNDER A CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PLAN (CTAP).

A. **CTAP (For Non-DOD Agencies Only):**

If you are currently an employee who has received a Reduction-in-Force (RIF) separation notice, a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES), or notice of proposed separation for declining a direct reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area, you may be entitled to special selection priority under the Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP). To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a current Indian Health Service career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice, a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES), or notice of proposed separation for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area, and you are still on the rolls of the Indian Health Service. You must submit a copy of the RIF notice, CES, or notice of proposed separation with your application.
2. Be applying for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This **must** be submitted with your application package.
4. Be currently employed by the Indian Health Service in the same commuting area of the position for which you are requesting selection priority.
5. File your application by the closing date of the vacancy announcement and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.)

6. Be rated well qualified for the position. Well-qualified employees are eligible displaced Federal employees who meet the qualification and eligibility requirements for the position (including any selective factors) and possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) to succeed in the position without undue interruption. Under IHS merit promotion procedures, the employees will be rated and ranked against an established cut-off score to determine the best-qualified applicant.

B. ICTAP (for all Federal Agencies)

SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY PROVISIONS FOR DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PLAN (ICTAP)

If you are a displaced Federal employee, you may be entitled to receive special selection priority under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan (ICTAP). To receive this priority you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You must submit with your application a copy of the appropriate documentation, such as a RIF separation notice, a Standard Form 50 reflecting your RIF separation, or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting area. The following categories of persons are considered displaced employees:

A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employee who:

1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; **or**
2. Separated because of a compensable injury or illness, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; **or**
3. Retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been, or is being, terminated; **or**
4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice, retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF," or retired under the discontinued service retirement option;

**OR**

- B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special OPM disability retirement annuity under Section §8337(H) or § 8456 of Title 5 United States Code.
2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or the equivalent. You must submit a copy of this performance rating with your application package. *(This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).*

4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting selection priority.
5. File your application by the closing date of the vacancy announcement and meet all of the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.)
6. Be rated "well-qualified" for the position. Well-qualified employees are eligible Federal employees who meet the qualification and eligibility requirements for the position (including any selective factors) and possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry. Under IHS merit promotion procedures, the employees will be rated and ranked against an established cut-off score to determine the best-qualified applicant.

**Reasonable Accommodation for Disabled Applicants:** This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify contact below. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

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#### **WHERE TO APPLY:**

**Bemidji Indian Health Service  
Human Resources  
522 Minnesota Avenue, NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601**

- A copy of this announcement may be obtained by calling (218) 444-0487 or (218) 444-0486. Vacancy Announcements may also be downloaded from the **OPM Website - USAJOBS**, [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) or **IHS Website**, [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov).
- For additional information, contact the Bemidji Area Human Resources Office at (218)-444-0487 or Tony Buckanaga, Health Recruiter at (218) 444-0486 or 1-800-892-3079.
- The deadline for receipt of complete applications is close of business of the closing date of this announcement.
- Electronic applications **will be** accepted. Please send applications to [BEMHR@ihs.gov](mailto:BEMHR@ihs.gov). **ALL** supporting documents must be submitted by the closing date of the announcement (Persons who submit incomplete applications will be given credit **ONLY** for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their veteran's preference determination, Indian Preference, education, training and/or experience
- **Faxed copies of applications will not be accepted.**
- All applications are subject to retention. Requests for copies will not be honored. Additional information will not be solicited by this office.

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#### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- **Verification of Indian Preference:** Applicants who wish to receive Indian Preference **MUST** submit the **BIA Form 4432, Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS Only**. This certifies the applicant an Indian as defined by the Indian Health Manual Chapter 7, Part 3. **Indian Preference will not be given unless BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application/resume.**

- Before hiring, the IHS will ask you to complete a "Declaration of Federal Employment" (OF-306) and Addendum to OF-306 (Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions) to determine your suitability for Federal employment, to authorize a background investigation, and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. Under P.L. 101-630 Indian Child Protection Act, anyone who answers in the affirmative will be found ineligible and unsuitable for employment in the Indian Health Service. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.
- If you are a male over the age of 18, and born after December 31, 1959, you must have registered with the Selective Service System (or have an exemption) to be eligible for a Federal job.
- The law prohibits public officials from appointing, promoting, or recommending their relatives.
- Federal annuitants (military and civilian) may have their salaries reduced. All employees must pay any valid delinquent debt or the agency may garnish their salary.

**THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS:**

*"I authorize any and all persons involved directly and/or indirectly in the selection process to review my application".*

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Signature of Applicant

**THE IHS is a SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT and an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

# HOW TO APPLY

Choose one of the following forms to apply for this job. Please submit one application or resume for each different job.			
Optional Application for Federal Employment (Form number OF-612)		Resume or Other written application format with information requested below.	
<p>***If your resume or application does not provide all the information we request, you may lose consideration for a job. Persons who submit incomplete applications will be given credit <u>ONLY</u> for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their veteran preference determination, Indian preference, education, training and/or experience.</p>			
<p>Your resume <i>or</i> other application format <b>MUST</b> contain the following information:</p> <p><b>JOB INFORMATION</b> Announcement number, title, and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying</p> <p><b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b> Full name, mailing address (with zip codes), day and evening phone numbers (include area codes), Social Security Number Country of citizenship</p> <p><b>EDUCATION</b> High School (name, city, and state) and date of diploma or GED College and/or universities (name, city, and state, major, type and year of degrees received) Copies of college transcripts, if applicable. <b>Education will NOT be given credit without them.</b></p> <p><b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b> Give the following for your paid and non-paid work experience related to the job for which you are applying: Job title (<b>if Federal, please indicate series and grade &amp; submit SF-50</b>) Duties and accomplishments Employer's name and address Supervisor's name and phone number Starting and ending dates (<b>month and year</b>) Hours per week Salary Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor</p> <p><b>OTHER QUALIFICATIONS</b> <i>Give dates but do not send documents unless requested:</i> Job related training courses (title and year) Job related skills, for example, other languages, computer software/hardware, tools, machinery, typing speed Job related certificates and licenses (if you are a licensed medical professional, submit copy of license to practice) Honors, awards, and special accomplishments, for example, publications, memberships, in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, and performance awards. <b>KSA Ranking Factors (see vacancy announcement)</b></p>			
Submit the following documents along with your chosen application format if you are in one of the following categories:			
<p><b>COMMISSIONED OFFICER</b></p> <p>A. Current Billet description.</p> <p>B. Most recent "Commissioned Officers Effectiveness Report".</p> <p>C. All other documents specified in this announcement including KSAs, transcripts, registration, etc."</p>	<p><b>INDIAN PREFERENCE</b></p> <p>Verification of Indian Preference for Employment, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form-4432.</p> <p>Preference will not be given unless a copy of the 4432 is attached to the application.</p>	<p><b>VETERAN PREFERENCE</b></p> <p>Certificates of Release or discharge from Active Duty, VA form DD-214, and/or Application for 10-point Veteran Preference, Form SF-15.</p> <p>To receive preference if your service began October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a service connected disability. Preference will not be given unless a copy of the DD-214 (with appropriate dates) is attached to the application.</p>	<p><b>FEDERAL EMPLOYEE</b> (Current, former, or displaced)</p> <p>A. Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50.</p> <p>B. Most recent numerical performance rating.</p> <p>Priority consideration will not be given to DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, unless a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation letter, a letter from OPM or your agency documentation showing your priority consideration status is attached to the application.</p>



**Applicant Background Survey****GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

This survey is used to collect and analyze data involving race, sex, age, disability, and national origin from applicants for employment. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only and will not in any way affect you individually. While completion of this form is voluntary, your cooperation is important to help ensure accurate information regarding employment practices. We ask you to answer each of the questions to the best of your ability. Print your answer clearly. Read each item thoroughly before selecting the appropriate response.

**A. Announcement number(s) and/or position(s) for which you are applying:****B. Year of Birth:****C. For Agency Use:****D. How did you learn about the position or exam for which you are applying? For example: radio, job fair, friend, newspaper, school counselor, etc.****E. Ethnicity**

- ☐ HISPANIC or LATINO - a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- ☐ NOT HISPANIC or LATINO

**F. Race (select one or more)**

- ☐ AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKA NATIVE - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- ☐ ASIAN - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, or Vietnam.
- ☐ BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN - a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- ☐ NATIVE HAWAIIAN or OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific islands.
- ☐ WHITE - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North America.

**G. Sex**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

**H. Disability**

A person is disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a disability                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Convulsive disorder                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental retardation                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blind   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental or emotional illness             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missing extremities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe distortion of limbs and/or spine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partial paralysis   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete paralysis  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a disability, but it is not listed ( <i>specify</i> ): |  |

**PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION STATEMENT**

**Privacy Act Information:** This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 ("Privacy Act of 1974") for individuals completing Federal records and forms that solicit personal information. The authority is Title V of the U.S. Code, sections 1301, 3301, 3304, and 7201. ■ **Purpose and Routine Uses:** This form is maintained in Privacy Act system records 09-90-0006, Applicants for Employment Records, HHS/OS/ASMB. The information in this survey is used solely for research and for statistical purposes to help ensure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. No other uses will be made of this information. This form will be separated from other application materials upon receipt. ■ **Effects of Non-Disclosure:** Providing this information is voluntary; no individual personnel selections are made based on this information. ■ **Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from one to three minutes with an average of two minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.